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INTRODUCING: CRIMEVIEW ANALYTICS

Professional sports teams aren't the only ones interested in using analytics: The Sheriff's Office has recently added CrimeView Analytics to its crime-fighting arsenal. This powerful software program, which is now available to Washington County law enforcement agencies, pulls data from the computer-aided dispatch and the law enforcement records management system and provides information that can create reports and charts to spot trends and understand crime patterns — even identifying frequent contacts and locations. Heat maps generated by CrimeView can help visualize these incidents, using color gradients to quickly show where clusters of incidents, traffic stops, citations, and arrests are happening countywide, in individual cities or in specific neighborhoods within those cities. As the system is ramping up, the focus is on equipping the Community Impact Unit with the new tools first, to help with upcoming saturation efforts. "We expect this data to show us patterns that will help us solve more cases and prevent more crime by giving us new ways to strategize and prioritize," said Chief Deputy Doug Anschutz.

And while CrimeView Analytics is available only to law enforcement, Washington County residents can view incidents and receive alerts in a sister program that was rolled out last year, called [CrimeMapping.com](https://www.critemapping.com). We encourage city officials to check it out and to let their residents know about it.

NUMBER OF
INCIDENTS

476

TRAFFIC STOPS

209

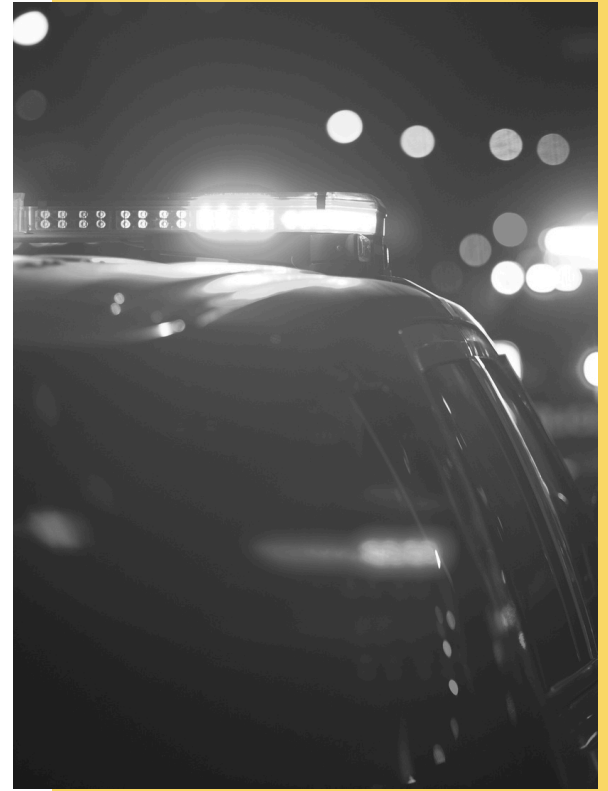
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At 11:20am on Feb. 4, deputies arrived at a townhome unit to check on a resident after a caller had said the person hadn't been at work for two days and hadn't called in, both of which the caller said were unusual. Deputies knocked at the front door and patio door with no answer, then checked to see if lower level windows were locked. All were secure, with blinds closed. Deputies tried calling the resident's emergency contact but learned that person had died in 2020. Other contacts also failed. Deputies noticed upstairs windows with blinds open, so they requested Hugo Fire Department to respond with a ladder. Upon arrival, firefighters were able to see inside a window and noticed a person inside, lying on the floor, moving slightly. Due to these circumstances, deputies and firefighters used a tool to open a downstairs window without damaging it. Once inside, they heard a person moaning as if in pain. They were able to get the distressed resident into an ambulance and taken to a hospital for treatment.



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

The numbers are staggering: In 2024, there were 472 lives lost related to motor vehicle crashes on Minnesota roads. That's up from 402 in 2023 and 444 in 2022. This includes pedestrians and bicyclists, and they range from children to young drivers to seniors. As of this letter, we're already up to 45 in 2025. For anyone who has experienced losing a loved one in a crash, we want you to know that we feel for you and know the tragic effects it can have on families, individuals, communities — even businesses.

While the choices drivers make to stay sober, wear seatbelts, put down their cellphones and other distractions make a huge difference in these kinds of statistics, we're also doing our best to keep roads safe. On one Friday night alone last month, the new Community Impact Unit stopped a vehicle traveling southbound on Hwy 61 at more than 100mph — more than twice the legal limit. Another deputy stopped a DWI traveling 20mph over the speed limit in the same area. CIU tagged three vehicles going more than 95mph in a 60mph zone that night. Thanks for making a difference, CIU, and to all you drivers: Please stay safe!

For more information on traffic safety and updated fatality statistics, check out these websites: [Toward Zero Deaths](#), the [Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety](#) and the [Minnesota Safety Council](#).



In service,

Dan Starry
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